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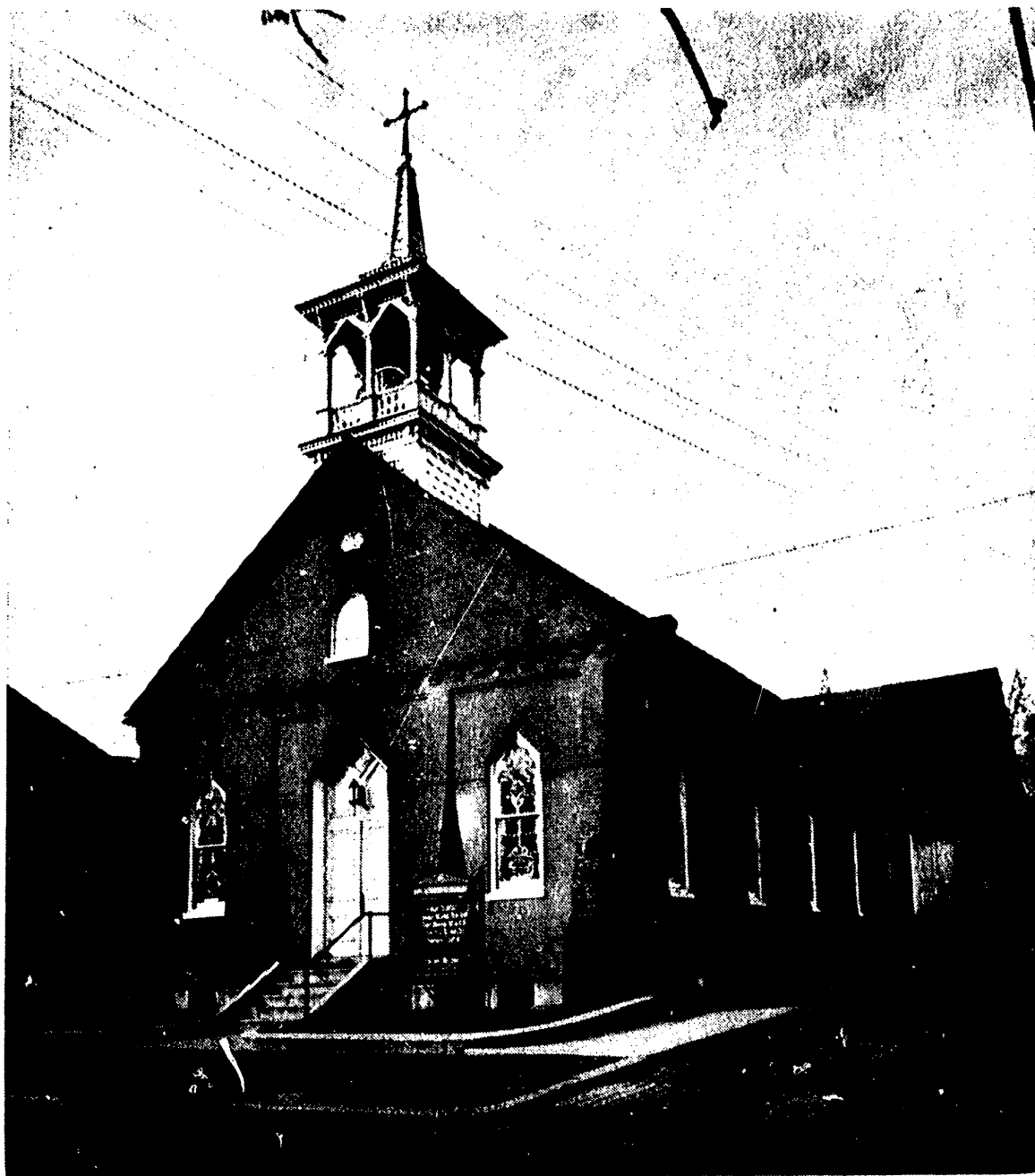
Evangelical Lutheran Church

MARIETTA,

PENNSYLVANIA

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ZION GERMAN-ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



MARIETTA,

PENNSYLVANIA

WE HUMBLY AND RESPECTFULLY

DEDICATE

THIS BOOK TO THE MEMORY OF

MISS BARBARA ELIZABETH EATER

THE
CENTENNIAL
1855—1955



1878-1883

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
May 8-12 1955

HISTORY
of the
LUTHERAN CHURCH
in
MARIETTA, PENNSYLVANIA





BARBARA ELIZABETH EATER

Barbara Elizabeth Eater was born in Marietta, Pennsylvania November 22, 1882. Her father and mother were Casper and Susan Holtzapple Eater. Elizabeth was baptized March 11, 1883 in the Zion's Lutheran Church by the Rev. George P. Mueller and at the proper age she was confirmed.

At an early age Elizabeth joined the choir and remained a faithful member for over a quarter century. However her "soprano voice" was not dormant after retiring from the choir. We all were delighted to sit near her and hear her continue to sing the hymns that she knew and loved so well.

She gave much thought and time to the work of purchasing the first organ for our church. She served on the soliciting committee and sacrificed much time for this work. She taught a Sunday School class and later joined the Lydia Bible Class.

For years Elizabeth was Treasurer of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Church. While serving in this capacity she sold candy at the Wyeth Inc. All profits were given to the Ladies' Aid for the remodeling of the Church. She was also a member of the Missionary Society.

In January 1953 Elizabeth completed her 50th year with the Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Marietta, Pennsylvania. At her first employment at the laboratories at the age of twenty years, it bore the name of Dr. H. M. Alexander and Co., later it became the Gilliland Laboratories. The sole output of the laboratories was the production of smallpox vaccine, later added diphtheria anti-toxin and tetanus anti-toxin. She witnessed with ease and pride the great stride from smallpox vaccine to penicillin and sulfa, because she was a part of it. Her knowledge of the most recent drugs was part of her work as well as one of her hobbies. She made a study of drugs and their purposes as well as their manufacture.

For a long time she was supervisor of the packing, filling, and inspection departments, and, at the time of her death she was giving all her time to the supervising of the inspection department.

She was honored January 3, 1953 for serving fifty years and was presented with an engraved wrist watch by Harry S. Howard, Philadelphia, president of the firm; and a scroll by Dr. B. Scott Fritz, managing director of the Marietta laboratories. Her advice to her fellow workers was "Don't watch the clock if you want to enjoy your work."

A jovial, pleasant lady, whom it was a pleasure to know, Elizabeth had many warm, personal as well as business friends.

Elizabeth lived at 518 West Market Street, Marietta, for 61 years, with her parents until their deaths. Her father died in his 90th year, and her mother in her 85th year. She had two brothers, George and John, and a sister Annie. Her brother John died in 1881 at the age of ten. Annie in 1913 at the age of 41. Her brother George is the only member of her immediate family living.

Elizabeth departed this life, at the home of her brother George, on Sept. 21, 1954, aged seventy-one. On January 2, 1955 a gold plated altar cross was presented to the Zion's Lutheran Church in her memory by the employees of the Wyeth Inc.

It's thru Elizabeth's faithfulness and sincerity in her motto "If you want to be really happy don't forget God," that our church has been given a legacy which has paid the remaining debt of the "rest rooms," also paid all expenses incurred by the publication of this 100th Anniversary Book and New Common Service Books for the Church. Her energetic and faithful services in the church and community are gratefully appreciated.

In an unusually, inconspicuous manner she served the church and now she rests from her labors, "Blessed are they who die in the Lord."

Mrs. J. B. Herchelroth

MARIETTA EMPLOYEES PRESENT ALTAR CROSS HONORING MISS EATER

"On September 21, 1954, Miss Barbara Elizabeth Eater died in Marietta, Pa. Miss Eater was employed at the Wyeth Marietta Laboratories for over fifty years. She had been in our Packaging Department for many years as Supervisor. Prior to becoming ill earlier in the year, she rarely had missed a day at work. Her early training had established her as a leader with a keen sense of responsibility and high standards. She enjoyed the respect and friendship of her associates. While firm in directing her work, Miss Eater was also sympathetic and understanding. Miss Eater was of the type who have helped make this country great and will continue to do so. On her fiftieth anniversary date last January, Barbara Eater Day was proclaimed at the Marietta plant and Mr. Howard, president of Wyeth, personally presented Miss Eater with a gold wrist watch and a scroll of commendation. The employees at Marietta have again chosen to honor Miss Eater by purchasing and presenting an Altar Cross as a memorial at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Marietta, where Miss Eater was a life-long member."

Shield-Wyeth

Feb., 1955



HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

F.R.—Arthur T. Zuch; Curtis A. Uhlig; Maurice A. Sweitzer
 B.R.—Verley L. Fulmer; Winfield Eater; Casper Eater

The committee expresses gratitude to each and all whose invaluable services helped to bring this history and celebration into being.



CHURCH COUNCIL

F.R.—Arthur T. Zuch, Vice-Chairman; Richard Haas, Secretary; Ralph D. Stark, Treasurer; Robert Richardson, Financial Secretary; Curtis A. Uhlig; and William Fuhrman.
 B.R.—Winfield Eater; Robert Sipling; Lester S. Zuch; Wilbur H. Fuhrman; Clarence Nagle; and Elmer P. Walters.

SERVICES COMMEMORATING THE 100th ANNIVERSARY

Sunday Morning Worship: May 8th 10:45 O'clock

Sermon—The Rev. Dwight F. Putman, D.D.,
President of the Central Pennsylvania Synod.

Sunday Evening Service: May 8th 8:00 O'clock

Sermon—The Rev. Warren C. Heinly, D.D.
President of the Lancaster Conference.

**Monday Evening Service May. 9th. Community Program
8:00 O'clock**

Historical Address: The Rev. E. E. Grosh

Greetings: — { Methodist Church — Rev. Franke, Pastor
Presbyterian Church — Rev. Van Dine, Pastor
Episcopal Church — Rev. Long, Rector
Reformed — Rev. Guy P. Bready, D.D.

**Tuesday Evening May 10th — Home-Coming Program
8:00 O'clock**

Messages — Former Pastors { The Rev. W. F. Rex, Ft. Loudon, Penna.
The Rev. Charles F. Holland, Norfolk, Va.
The Rev. E. L. Wessinger, Lancaster, Penna.
The Rev. A. E. Greenwalt, Pittston, Penna.

**Wednesday Evening May 11 — Youth Program
8:00 O'clock**

Sermon—Rev. J. H. Musselman, D.D., Lancaster, Pa.

Thursday Evening May 12th 8:00 O'clock — Birthday Party

The five day celebration will be brought to an appropriate climax. The members of the church will assemble on the parsonage lawn for the Birthday Party. There will be a large cake with a hundred candles. The address of the evening will be delivered by Mr. F. F. Bailey, Manheim, Pennsylvania.



VERLEY L. FULMER

Graduate of Pine Ridge Academy, Chapin, S. C. A. B. From Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C. B. D. From Southern Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C. M. A. From Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Penna. Ordained by the South Carolina Synod, Columbia, S. C. Served parishes in the Carolinas, Virginia and Pennsylvania. Pastor of Zion Marietta since September 1, 1952.



INTERIOR

PREFACE

Although the year of 1855 is given as the date of the formal organization of Zion Congregation, yet we know from authentic records that Lutheranism in Marietta had its beginning much earlier. German and English pastors from nearby towns provided those of Lutheran faith with the means of Grace and served in a pastoral oversight in some way for many years. It is evident that many went afoot to Maytown and Columbia for worship. They were loyal and devoted to the church.

The story of Zion Congregation is given in the parish register. It begins in the year when the Lutherans banded themselves together into a congregation. We are favored in having practically a complete church record from July 1855, and since 1860 a full record of all communions and communicants are preserved, also minutes of council and congregational meetings, confirmations, transfers, marriages, funerals and the like are recorded — most of the ministerial acts being written by each pastor in his own handwriting. Hence we have the sum total of all activities and the names of those who worshipped and served the Lord.

As we turn the pages, we recall with grateful appreciation the Pioneers and Builders who formed the congregation and built a church to the glory of God in this Borough. Their names written in the church books still vibrate upon the passing years. These families belong to the crowd of Germans who came to Pennsylvania. And these families played quite an im-

portant part in the work and history of the Lutheran Church. For this reason several genealogical sketches are given in this anniversary Bulletin.

Our Church is a Holy Sanctuary. We hold it in reverence because here were scenes of the devotions of our kinsmen and fellow-members for seventy-six years. Holy memories cluster around this building. We pay tribute to those who built it and to those who maintained it as a house of worship through the years. This edifice served as both a house of worship and a Sunday School building for thirty years.

Within our Church dwells the spirit of by-gone days. As we enter its doors we are reminded of the presence of God and all the happy folks who have gone in and out. There lingers upon our souls the memories of greetings and partings; of the Font and the babies dedicated to God; of the Altar and the youth pledging allegiance to Christ their Saviour; of happy brides speaking their Vows before the Altar; of the messages from the pulpit, relating the things of daily life to the things of God. Here worshipped fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, rich and poor. The brightness of heaven and the radiance of the eternal Gospel have lingered on all these events and their love received in the measure of their capacity, the sanction and guidance of the ever present Lord. Hence the congregation grew and waxed strong.

V. L. F.